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## INTRODUCTION

Kentucky coal production for 2000 was 131,845,988 tons which was 12,553,333 tons less than the previous year. In 2000, Kentucky mined 50,346,219 tons of coal by surface operations while 81,499,769 tons were mined underground.

The coal industry furnished direct employment for 17,150 miners. Twelve were killed in Kentucky coal mine accidents in 2000 which was up from five fatalities in the previous year.

The following chart compares production of the various types of coal mines for the past two years:

### COAL PRODUCTION IN TONS

<b>TYPE MINE</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Rail-Underground .....	19,182,455	18,902,470
Rail-Augur Surface.....	2,218,856	1,741,791
Rail-Augur.....	0	0
Rail-Surface.....	3,102,221	3,107,261
<b>RAIL TOTALS .....</b>	<b>24,503,532</b>	<b>23,751,522</b>
Truck-Underground.....	61,771,868	55,750,846
Truck-Augur Surface .....	36,164,220	33,353,275
Truck-Augur .....	1,878,077	1,578,878
Truck-Surface .....	10,595,571	9,420,679
<b>TRUCK TOTALS .....</b>	<b>110,409,736</b>	<b>100,103,678</b>
Water-Underground.....	8,294,763	6,846,453
Water-Augur Surface .....	1,191,290	1,144,335
Water-Augur.....	0	0
Water-Surface.....	0	0
<b>WATER TOTALS .....</b>	<b>9,486,053</b>	<b>7,990,788</b>
<b>ALL MINES .....</b>	<b>144,399,321</b>	<b>131,845,988</b>